

NEW SOUTH WALES.

# MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS.

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## SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

## 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only.)			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1945.													
July ...	103	71	71	205	95	83	58	77	73	164	126	40	139
August ...	135	157	151	107	144	156	139	157	152	44	61	34	47
September ...	46	16	34	18	30	23	18	32	27	68	18	21	50
October ...	42	68	125	116	85	53	72	128	104	94	80	77	89
November ...	66	50	78	28	61	76	60	69	67	115	129	82	115
December ...	54	43	46	61	49	42	48	48	47	92	69	67	82
1946.													
January ...	153	100	166	236	151	130	110	184	158	92	44	67	77
February ...	95	129	327	228	195	49	153	363	269	174	77	100	140
March ...	66	76	105	43	79	48	76	113	95	164	197	63	160
April ...	66	90	61	14	65	60	78	48	57	98	291	136	152
May ...	39	40	53	24	42	37	35	49	43	13	22	30	18
June ...	23	38	75	64	49	33	38	59	50	6	69	173	44
July ...	17	38	109	34	55	20	42	114	84	1	2	7	2

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

## 2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44, and 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45.

Under war time contract the British Government purchased the Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46. The agreed average price (per lb. greasy) was 10'75d. sterling or 13'4375d. Australian currency in 1939-40 to 1941-42 and 12'3625d. sterling (Aust. 15'4531d.) in 1942-43 to 1945-46. A new agreement has been made for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of future clips.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
July ...	83,715	76,207	68,696	73,503	83,715	76,207	68,696	73,503
August ...	105,532	113,506	110,161	...	189,247	189,713	178,857	...
September ...	158,065	73,356	132,093	...	347,312	263,069	310,950	...
October ...	173,622	129,588	183,001	...	520,934	392,657	493,951	...
November ...	128,231	166,656	174,501	...	649,165	559,313	668,452	...
December ...	94,774	111,713	47,412	...	743,939	671,026	715,864	...
January ...	135,652	101,888	44,883	...	879,591	772,914	760,747	...
February ...	60,931	24,884	23,146	...	940,522	797,798	783,893	...
March ...	43,493	23,799	28,966	...	984,015	821,597	812,859	...
April ...	42,000	20,854	36,385	...	1,026,015	842,451	849,244	...
May ...	51,274	34,419	40,424	...	1,077,289	876,870	889,668	...
June ...	56,870	41,007	36,141	...	1,134,159	917,877	925,809	...

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## 3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1934-35	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1943-44 ... ..	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1941-42... ..	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43... ..	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44... ..	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6
1944-45... ..	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46... ..	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6

## 4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Thousand lb.					
July ... ..	5,061	5,163	3,313	2,462	3,286
August ... ..	5,361	5,346	3,279	3,065	4,008
September ... ..	7,093	5,952	4,933	5,397	5,007
October ... ..	10,107	7,499	8,626	8,488	7,557
November ... ..	13,128	11,275	11,553	8,169	7,387
December ... ..	13,471	12,032	13,079	7,532	8,820
January ... ..	12,310	13,044	12,821	8,004	8,146
February ... ..	11,816	10,219	10,184	6,769	8,146
March ... ..	11,370	8,648	8,440	8,261	8,498
April ... ..	10,044	6,129	5,165	5,811	6,185
May ... ..	8,145	4,789	3,870	4,477	4,468
June ... ..	6,024	3,679	2,594	3,287	2,772
Year ... ..	113,930	93,775	87,857	71,722	74,280

## 5. COAL PRODUCTION† IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Commonwealth Coal Commissioner.

Periods of Four Weeks.*	Last day of Period. (1946 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
First... ..	19th Jan.	731	744	625	640	519
Second ... ..	16th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860
Third ... ..	16th Mar.	981	813	781	893	913
Fourth ... ..	13th April	886	843	782	755	859
Fifth ... ..	11th May	1,003	843	930	791	674
Sixth ... ..	8th June	965	907	866	914	905
Seventh ... ..	6th July	918	899	884	846	798
Eighth ... ..	3rd Aug.	953	905	884	914	846
Ninth ... ..	31st Aug.	1,028	938	880	778	...
Tenth ... ..	28th Sept.	984	868	970	842	...
Eleventh ... ..	26th Oct.	973	937	879	759	...
Twelfth ... ..	23rd Nov.	965	939	891	869	...
Thirteenth ... ..	21st Dec.	886	904	906	308	...
52 weeks Total† ... ..		12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	...
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above... ..		56	60	180	523	...
Period of 32 weeks ended*—	8th August.	7th August.	5th August.	4th August.	3rd August.	
Northern District ... ..	4,987	4,679	4,419	4,332	4,334	
Western District... ..	993	897	954	1,020	996	
Southern District* ... ..	1,391	1,311	1,152	1,268	1,045	
Total (32 weeks) ... ..	7,371	6,887	6,525	6,620	6,375	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above ... ..	...	32	70	300	396	

\* The Four-weekly Periods in Southern District end a week later than in other districts.

† Production as recorded by Mines Department was 11,196,000 tons in 1939, 9,550,000 in 1940, 11,766,000 in 1941.

## BUILDING INDUSTRY.

## 6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Period.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value.				
Monthly Average	£		£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	169,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,057	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	46,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	146,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945	22,019	331	336,445	80,812	338,842	100,434	439,276
Month—							
1945—July	12,101	263	248,739	95,476	248,739	107,577	356,316
1946—June	62,366	754	1,011,188	159,722	1,011,188	222,088	1,233,276
July	129,188	990	1,460,988	213,915	1,470,788	333,303	1,804,091
Seven Months (Jan.—July.)							
1945	137,258	1,104	1,035,501	438,230	1,061,066	549,923	1,610,989
1946	540,449	5,395	7,181,627	1,297,698	7,255,832	1,763,942	9,019,774

Quarter.	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.			Seven Shires.			Total, New South Wales : New Buildings, Alterations and Additions. *
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	
	No. of Permits.	Value.		No. of Permits.	Value.		
Quarterly Average—		£	£		£	£	£
1938	1,277	1,074,724	245,066	324	200,866	61,786	5,092,997
1939	1,126	849,892	215,389	359	246,018	29,242	4,395,406
1940	850	752,163	183,881	363	250,096	35,659	4,151,369
1941	863	691,258	164,264	399	306,332	27,634	3,901,338
1942	206	144,982	58,542	98	54,724	11,511	631,168
1943	76	36,401	62,239	39	15,162	13,295	467,257
1944	109	59,601	87,067	86	45,133	25,550	618,083
1945	592	473,569	129,554	611	503,434	50,867	2,475,251
June Quarter—							
1945	274	181,011	95,747	401	272,941	34,370	1,324,335
1946	1,501	1,587,274	314,521	1,309	1,444,289	132,426	7,386,845
Six Months (Jan.-June)							
1945	435	283,851	182,388	571	370,825	76,463	2,168,200
1946	2,702	2,676,065	546,816	2,370	2,523,513	230,097	13,192,174

\* Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded.

## BUILDING INDUSTRY.

## 7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

The value of principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued by local councils in Sydney and Suburbs, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below :—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. (Permits issued.)						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Average—	<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>						
1939 ... ..	373,102	76,469	231,830	106,124	47,665	183,099	1,018,289
1944 ... ..	10,343	14,388	1,094	85,433	1,894	20,425	133,577
1945 ... ..	164,996	169,247	3,680	61,641	5,573	34,139	439,276
Month—							
1945 July ... ..	140,637	115,497	1,607	75,544	7,725	15,306	356,316
1946 June ... ..	564,662	387,519	23,773	154,303	40,002	63,017	1,233,276
1946 July ... ..	733,382	529,220	40,235	322,873	26,185	152,196	1,804,091
Seven Months (Jan.— July)—							
1945 ... ..	468,543	491,117	11,236	424,029	30,619	185,445	1,610,989
1946 ... ..	3,746,329	2,913,669	153,930	1,419,131	151,123	635,592	9,019,774
Quarterly Average—	<i>129 Industrial and Rural Towns.</i>						
1939 ... ..	187,801	482,784	36,997	28,847	102,725	226,127	1,065,281
1944 ... ..	6,795	49,873	1,755	41,784	5,469	40,992	146,668
1945 ... ..	80,748	389,274	2,749	53,182	17,420	59,750	603,123
June Quarter—							
1945 ... ..	22,141	153,744	3,082	42,631	14,059	41,101	276,758
1946 ... ..	328,857	1,061,726	50,785	137,977	140,548	181,902	1,901,795
Six Months (Jan.— June)—							
1945 ... ..	32,487	241,686	3,282	88,438	28,035	72,311	466,239
1946 ... ..	526,463	1,920,941	59,507	256,381	194,440	265,149	3,222,881
Quarterly Average—	<i>7 Shires Adjacent to the Metropolis.</i>						
1939 ... ..	104,108	126,456	6,930	1,170	7,748	28,848	275,260
1944 ... ..	6,076	43,727	5	8,158	858	11,859	70,683
1945 ... ..	116,583	411,570	925	3,831	2,398	18,994	554,301
June Quarter—							
1945 ... ..	61,965	227,511	1,500	306	1,791	14,238	307,311
1946 ... ..	435,130	1,017,919	7,600	3,923	40,375	71,768	1,576,715
Six Months (Jan.— June)—							
1945 ... ..	88,241	314,690	1,500	11,295	1,791	29,771	447,288
1946 ... ..	687,062	1,879,079	11,775	17,093	52,035	106,566	2,753,610

(a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwellings attached.

## 8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised :—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).					
	Month of July.			Seven Months ended July.		
	*1944.	*1945.	1946.	*1944.	*1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs	121,644	210,825	406,795	850,233	1,637,166	2,186,489
Remainder of State...	52,141	76,081	250,564	511,875	848,519	1,445,320
Total, N.S. Wales ...	173,785	286,906	657,359	1,362,108	2,485,685	3,631,809

\* Revised.

## SECTION B.—TRADE.

## 9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.  
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Million £.								
Year ended 31st December ...	200'29	202'79	229'03	238'65	240'54	251'40	251'74	...
January ...	13'24	16'33	15'83	18'69	17'18	18'01	18'62	17'62
February ...	16'54	14'64	17'48	19'39	21'60	20'48	21'48	21'72
March ...	15'78	16'97	17'40	19'53	19'44	18'00	21'75	22'33
April ...	15'79	17'88	19'06	19'19	21'88	21'68	20'81	26'88
May ...	17'46	14'85	18'75	20'72	19'56	21'45	22'24	25'21
June ...	14'88	17'07	21'76	18'93	20'91	20'67	19'40	23'58
July ...	15'28	16'74	17'63	19'17	19'81	20'87	22'01	...
August ...	16'81	17'17	20'41	20'86	18'75	23'82	20'22	...
September ...	19'44	17'48	21'60	19'59	19'93	21'46	23'72	...
October ...	19'22	18'50	18'25	22'06	20'80	21'82	22'36	...
November ...	17'53	18'13	20'58	19'54	21'07	20'30	39'13	...
December ...	18'32	17'03	20'28	20'98	19'61	22'84		...

## 10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year ended December—								
1938 ... ..	303	303	+ 4·8	+ 5·2	+ 11·6	+ 5·0		
1939 ... ..	303	303	+ 2·4	+ 2·0	+ 2·6	+ 0·9		
1940 ... ..	303	305	+ 6·3	+ 17·0	+ 4·0	+ 1·9		
1941 ... ..	305	304	+ 14·6	+ 8·0	+ 9·0	+ 4·0		
1942 ... ..	304	303	— 5·3	+ 9·2	— 5·1	— 8·4		
1943 ... ..	303	306	— 11·3	— 6·8	— 9·7	— 17·6		
1944 ... ..	306	302	+ 3·2	— 0·2	— 4·6	+ 1·4		
1945 ... ..	302	301	+ 15·8	+ 11·1	+ 6·7	+ 5·0		
1945.								
June ... ..	25	25	+ 19·3	+ 24·0	+ 3·0	+ 3·3	+ 3·2	+ 3·6
July ... ..	26	26	+ 31·6	+ 16·7	+ 7·1	+ 4·3	+ 10·6	+ 4·8
August ... ..	27	25	+ 16·6	+ 11·9	+ 6·4	+ 4·4	+ 21·8	+ 5·5
September ... ..	26	25	+ 21·1	+ 10·2	+ 4·0	+ 6·7	+ 22·5	+ 5·8
October ... ..	25	26	+ 37·9	+ 4·9	+ 13·5	+ 9·9	+ 25·0	+ 8·0
November ... ..	26	26	+ 40·6	+ 2·1	+ 13·6	+ 12·0	+ 33·4	+ 10·4
December ... ..	24	23	+ 17·9	— 4·7	+ 17·4	+ 18·4	+ 30·8	+ 14·9
1946.								
January ... ..	25	25	+ 24·6	— 6·3	+ 16·9	+ 14·8	+ 27·1	+ 16·0
February ... ..	24	24	+ 37·4	— 9·6	+ 20·5	+ 19·4	+ 25·0	+ 18·2
March ... ..	26	26	+ 47·8	— 11·4	+ 21·1	+ 19·9	+ 37·2	+ 19·5
April ... ..	24	22	+ 47·2	— 13·0	+ 32·1	+ 20·2	+ 44·7	+ 24·6
May ... ..	26	27	+ 51·8	— 12·9	+ 29·4	+ 20·1	+ 49·0	+ 27·4
June ... ..	25	23	+ 9·6	— 7·5	+ 29·9	+ 21·0	+ 35·3	+ 30·4

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 26.



## SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

## 11. RAILWAYS.

## NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

Month of June.				Year ended 30th June.			
Gross Revenue.		Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.		Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
£		£	£	£		£	£
1944 ...	2,802,846	3,391,527†	(—) 588,681	34,501,192	27,535,343	6,965,849	
1945 ...	2,510,457	2,404,606†	105,851	31,577,137	24,673,209	6,903,928	
1946 ...	2,576,103	2,404,702†	171,401	31,313,410	24,933,674	6,379,736	

\* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,159,000 in year 1944-45.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

‡ Includes amounts not applicable to a particular month.

Month of June.				Year ended 30th June.			
Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*		Passenger Journeys.		Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*		Passenger Journeys.	
thousands.		thousands.		thousands.		thousands.	
1944 ...	1,635	21,023		19,424	250,566		
1945 ...	1,462	21,649		18,579	254,099		
1946 ...	1,436	21,763		16,573	267,423		

\* Partly estimated.

## 12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

## SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
Month of May—	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
1944 ...	439,700	37,400	39,854	46,100	7,900	3,725
1945 ...	442,700	38,000	42,011	47,100	6,400	3,851
1946 ...	478,200	22,000	45,621	48,100	(—)700	3,956
Eleven months ended 31st May.						
1944 ...	4,755,920	464,210	433,529	489,520	75,800	39,191
1945 ...	4,804,100	455,000	457,824	508,700	70,500	41,519
1946 ...	4,891,600	176,100	465,994	517,300	30,800	42,985

\* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £537,000 in year 1944-45.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

## 13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

## NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1944.	1945.	1946.			
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st July.	31st July.	31st January.	31st May.	30th June.	31st July.
Cars ... ..	216,633	169,916	181,254	185,467	189,130	190,800	190,978	191,320
Lorries and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	78,307	83,507	89,876	95,794	97,176	98,665
Trailers ... ..	6,538	6,965	7,655	9,101	10,354	10,994	11,067	11,197
Tractors† ... ..	1,102	1,366	1,541	1,758	1,868	1,973	2,056	2,075
Cycles—Solo ... ..	17,111	10,538	11,186	12,173	13,762	15,339	15,546	15,817
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	3,769	4,062	4,605	4,884	4,946	5,015
Omnibuses‡ ... ..	794	890	985	1,031	1,056	1,066	1,069	1,073
Taxi-cabs‡ ... ..	1,331	1,352	1,349	1,351	1,357	1,357	1,357	1,357
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	628	658	755	828	848	885
Total ... ..	329,219	267,768	286,674	299,108	312,763	323,035	325,043	327,404

\* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts.

## Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.
1942 ... ..	26	18	20	21	29	17	25	23	24	16	10	13
1943 ... ..	19	7	7	6	4	6	8	13	17	40	45	60
1944 ... ..	5	4	5	4	6	4	74	88	83	84	84	73
1945 ... ..	6	7	5	7	5	8	48	45	42	38	43	48
1946 ... ..	4	10	18	23	39	58	56	102	113	131	92	103

## 14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

## BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ... ..	503,346	527,733	556,775	564,184	570,080
February ... ..	500,449	533,597	561,066	563,702	570,952
March ... ..	502,810	536,795	560,665	563,791	573,205
April ... ..	503,494	537,319	561,638	567,295	576,218
May ... ..	500,565	543,419	563,277	571,616	575,144
June ... ..	500,451	552,044	560,032	572,697	575,864
July ... ..	506,566	546,856	559,106	573,078	580,747
August ... ..	508,292	549,939	562,063	572,893	.....
September ... ..	509,332	554,227	563,425	568,280	.....
October ... ..	515,228	555,450	561,504	571,656	.....
November ... ..	519,375	557,140	562,093	573,637	.....
December ... ..	523,920	558,381	560,717	571,790	.....

## SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

## 15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

MONTH OF JULY.

Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Expenditure.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	5'47	7'56	Invalid, Old Age Pensions ...	2'40	*2'60
Sales ... ..	2'33	3'00	Widows' Pensions ...	0'23	0'22
Income ... ..	21'02	17'12	Child Endowment ...	1'04	2'07
Payroll ... ..	1'02	1'11	Other ... ..	0'27	1'04
Estate ... ..	0'39	0'32	Payments to States ...	1'24	1'46
Entertainments ...	0'36	0'40	Tax Reimbursed to States	1'64	2'59
Other ... ..	0'37	0'28	Post Office ... ..	1'35	1'75
Post Office ... ..	2'19	2'32	Other ... ..	3'97	3'34
Other ... ..	0'22	0'28			
			Total Non-War ...	12'14	15'07
			War—from Revenue ...	21'23	17'87
			from Loan ... ..	9'83	Cr. 6'50
Total Revenue ...	33'37	32'39	Total Expenditure	43'20	26'44

\*Includes £559,000 expended from balance held in National Welfare Fund at 30th June, 1946.

## 16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

MONTH OF JULY.

Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Expenditure.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ 000	£ 000		£ 000	£ 000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	243	243	ing Fund ... ..	945	579
Reimbursement of Taxes...	435	1,102	Less—Recoups from other		
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	424	461	Activities ... ..	...	...
Other Taxes ... ..	362	333			
Land ... ..	104	125	Net Debt Charges ...	945	579
Services ... ..	107	110	Other than Debt Charges—		
Other ... ..	272	460	Governmental ... ..	1,289	1,348
			Business Undertakings ...	2,313	2,795
Total Governmental	1,947	2,834			
Business Undertakings ...	3,009	3,310			
Total Revenue ...	4,956	6,144	Total Expenditure ..	4,547	4,722

Loan expenditure on works and services during the month of July was gross £276,000 and net (i.e. gross, less repayments to loan account) £256,000 in 1946-47, compared with gross £185,000 and net £148,000 in 1945-46.

Note.—Receipts and expenditure of the Road Transport and Traffic Fund are not included in this statement.

## 17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets *in Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318.4	28.6	23.9	22.1	.....	291.7
1940 " ...	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7	.....	289.9
1941 " ...	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9	.....	283.7
1942 " ...	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 " ...	453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 " ...	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 " ...	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1945—April ...	596.0	35.0	63.8	114.1	236.2	203.6
May ...	587.5	36.1	51.8	108.2	241.8	206.3
June ...	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
July ...	572.0	33.4	44.8	104.4	233.7	212.1
1946—April ...	636.0	34.8	62.7	122.6	257.5	215.4†
May ...	630.8	35.3	48.1	123.1	259.0	220.4†
June ...	627.1	32.3	40.0	122.7	258.5	224.3†
July ...	613.1	32.3	21.1	117.1	255.5	236.2†

\* Excluding London Funds.

† Excluding certain assets (approximately £2.8 m. in September, 1945) included in earlier figures.

## 18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; three other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (17 banks).			
	Deposits.			Advances.	Deposits.			Advances.
	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.		Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1946—January ...	81.1	183.5	267.9	107.2	221.0	452.3	683.0	240.2
February ...	80.2	191.3	276.7	106.2	219.1	468.3	699.4	244.9
March ...	79.4	197.1	280.2	105.7	217.6	480.0	707.4	248.5
April ...	78.8	198.3	280.4	106.9	215.1	483.2	707.9	254.6
May ...	77.6	198.9	279.7	108.9	212.0	480.1	702.9	259.3
June ...	76.4	198.2	277.8	111.6	209.6	476.6	698.5	259.5
July ...	75.9	192.1	271.6	117.3	207.6	462.5	683.9	275.4

\* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945. Movements in deposits and advances since 1939 are illustrated by *monthly averages in Australia* of nine trading banks shown in Table 17, and by *quarterly averages in New South Wales* of these banks as shown below:—

September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.	September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.
	Non-Government.	Total, including Government.			Non-Government.	Total, including Government.	
million £.							
1939 ...	113.6	114.9	122.5	1943	169.1	172.3	93.5
1940 ...	126.1	128.1	117.6	1944	200.9	203.6	85.1
1941 ...	134.4	137.3	113.7	1945	217.8	219.8	85.9
1942 ...	142.1	145.3	106.9				



## 19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits.†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.			
			1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
1935 ...	77,906	August ...	86,957	130,519	170,104	204,794
1936 ...	80,000	September ...	86,557	134,163	173,037	207,520
1937 ...	81,952	October ...	86,751	136,326	173,981	209,906
1938 ...	86,016	November ...	86,684	138,328	176,748	214,806
1939 ...	87,474	December ...	86,581	142,108	179,128	219,560
1940 ...	82,111	January ...	86,716	146,283	181,801	224,705
1941 ...	87,750	February ...	87,167	150,375	184,725	228,711
1942 ...	94,538	March ...	86,759	154,154	187,894	230,420
1943 ...	122,405	April ...	87,056	156,025	189,566	230,920
1944 ...	162,867	May ...	85,179	157,045	192,884	232,221
1945 ...	198,203	June† ...	82,111	162,867	198,203	236,242
1946 ...	236,242	July ...	82,135	166,751	200,932	237,305

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £20,373,049 at 31st July, 1946; including £360,490 net receipts in July.

## 20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	90.3	92.0	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	98	117	123	136	150	152	154
February ...	75.5	82.0	97.1	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	96	114	123	139	147	149	157
March ...	80.5	89.4	102.6	123.4	130.1	123.4	144.1	93	110	119	138	146	145	164
April ...	70.7	86.9	95.4	125.3	108.4	126.2	138.8	98	111	125	150	150	154	176
May ...	82.0	106.3	98.9	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	100	117	125	155	158	160	184
June ...	80.3	97.4	116.6	132.6	140.1	136.0	159.2	101	123	133	163	166	169	195
July ...	71.2	98.9	99.7	114.3	122.9	129.7	174.9	98	125	130	155	168	167	206
August ...	74.9	87.0	99.0	122.7	127.4	121.0	...	99	123	135	160	169	168	...
September ...	74.9	94.9	105.6	116.5	120.9	123.4	...	99	124	134	155	163	166	...
October ...	78.0	101.8	115.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	...	100	123	138	152	159	166	...
November ...	86.1	99.6	105.0	129.3	126.3	129.7	...	102	124	135	149	153	164	...
December ...	91.7	104.9	121.6	127.3	127.6	121.7	...	106	124	136	150	152	159	...
Year ...	932.3	1139.4	1248.5	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	...	100	120	131	151	156	160	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

## 21. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short- dated. 2 years.	Long- dated. 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1938 ... ..	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'76	...	...
1939 ... ..	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940 ... ..	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941 ... ..	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
1941 ... ..	5'5	4'9	2 years.	7 years.	12 years.		
1942 ... ..	5'4	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'47	3'23
1943 ... ..	5'4	4'9	2'39	2'89	3'11	2'45	3'24
1944 ... ..	5'0	4'7	2'43	2'72	3	2'48	3'23
1945 ... ..	5'0	4'4	2'30	2'60	...	2'45	3'24
Months—	4'8	4'4	2'27	2'57	...	2'47	3'25
1945—June ...	4'8	4'5	2'25	2'39	...	2'49	3'25
December ...	4'7	4'4	2'41	2'75	...	2'46	3'25
1946—February ...	4'8	4'4	1'99	2'62	...	1'92	3'24
March ... ..	4'7	4'3	1'97	2'62	...	1'82	3'24
April ... ..	4'6	4'4	1'98	2'67	...	1'81	3'24
May ... ..	4'5	4'4	2'00	2'78	...	1'79	3'25
June ... ..	4'4	4'3	1'98	2'74	...	1'78	3'25
July ... ..	4'4	4'2	1'93	2'69	...	1'90	3'24

\* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

§ Subsequent yields uncertain.

## 22. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Thousand £.											
January ...	2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,786	2,246	1,148	916	595	383	608	1,078
February ...	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,507	1,909	2,357	1,329	975	390	611	593	1,179
March ...	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	2,059	2,726	1,320	996	503	663	688	1,047
April ...	2,574	2,276	1,517	931	1,663	3,832	1,305	891	536	302	526	1,431
May ...	2,835	1,154	1,185	1,307	2,204	4,697	1,344	526	381	495	606	1,641
June ...	3,029	1,266	1,358	1,809	2,373	3,593	1,273	599	400	687	864	1,708
July ...	3,165	1,540	1,783	1,992	2,726	4,005	1,470	622	399	543	902	1,622
August ...	2,545	1,671	1,379	2,241	2,684	...	1,213	451	450	723	861	...
September ...	2,941	1,616	1,551	1,772	2,684	...	1,571	516	432	597	1,005	...
October ...	3,013	1,514	1,549	1,654	3,260	...	1,413	423	618	634	1,128	...
November ...	2,548	1,942	1,558	1,899	3,106	...	1,022	530	558	529	1,072	...
December ...	2,972	1,260	1,592	1,708	2,195	...	1,242	562	494	699	899	...
Year ...	33,239	21,609	17,542	19,462	28,293	...	15,630	8,007	5,756	6,866	9,752	...

\* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

## 23. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of July.			Seven Months ended 31st July.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1944 ... ..	72,856	225,240	29,164	811,190	1,064,136	353,716
1945 ... ..	92,756	93,279	72,997	736,286	1,051,569	538,409
1946 ... ..	62,746	154,065	134,607	528,884	1,202,710	657,841

See note under Table 22. \* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

## 24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929	\$ 179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931	\$ 72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937	\$ 213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1945—June	242.3	207.7	170.4	148.0	264.6	195.7	210.1
July	242.2	207.4	170.3	147.3	264.6	195.6	210.0
Aug.	242.3	207.3	170.3	146.8	264.6	195.6	209.9
Sept.	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
Oct.	255.3	216.3	178.2	150.8	274.6	204.5	220.2
Nov.	266.3	224.1	182.1	156.9	291.5	212.8	229.7
Dec.	266.0	224.0	182.3	154.7	291.5	212.6	229.3
1946—Jan.	266.0	225.8	182.1	153.0	291.5	212.8	229.0
Feb.	266.2	226.5	182.3	154.0	291.5	213.0	229.2
Mar.	267.3	227.6	184.0	157.2	292.6	213.5	230.3
April	278.9	236.8	190.2	161.8	306.2	221.5	240.1
May	280.5	239.5	191.1	162.8	306.9	222.8	241.2
June	280.5	239.4	190.9	161.0	306.9	222.3	240.8
July	280.5	239.5	190.5	161.6	306.9	222.3	240.6

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies.    \$ The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

## 25. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1945—December	4	2.19	38	5 5	47	9 5	354	18 2	10	15 3
1946—January	4	2.19	36	17 0	52	2 0	356	3 0	10	15 3
February	4	2.19	42	8 6	48	17 10	355	1 3	10	15 3
March	4	2.19	42	8 6	51	9 1	355	1 3	10	15 3
April	4	2.19	51	16 4	50	10 4	354	19 5	10	15 3
May	4	2.19	54	2 3	51	8 10	354	19 5	10	15 3
June	4	2.88	53	14 6	50	10 7	354	19 5	10	15 3



## SECTION E.—GENERAL.

## 26. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment, (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Governmental Authorities. (a)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)		Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)	
					Gov'tal Munitions and Aircraft.	Other.					
MALES. (Thousands.)											
1933—June ...	103.2	277.5	380.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	...	0.6	158.2	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141.5	404.8	546.3	25.8	10.2	191.9	78.2	41.3	43.3	52.5	...
1942—July ...	158.6	376.0	534.6	25.4	21.6	191.7	80.3	32.3	36.0	46.0	...
1943—July ...	156.6	365.4	522.0	25.1	26.8	191.0	81.5	28.7	33.2	43.3	...
1944—June ...	152.3	369.9	522.2	24.4	20.3	197.5	84.4	28.6	34.5	45.1	...
July ...	152.4	369.7	522.1	24.4	20.1	197.5	84.1	28.4	34.2	45.4	...
1945—June ...	153.8	377.1	531.0	24.4	15.8	199.0	87.2	29.7	35.9	47.3	...
July ...	156.5	377.5	534.0	24.6	14.8	199.8	88.0	29.9	35.9	47.6	...
Aug. ...	155.6	379.2	534.8	24.9	13.9	200.7	88.7	30.2	36.4	48.3	...
Sept. ...	155.3	379.1	534.4	24.7	11.7	196.9	87.6	30.8	37.0	48.7	...
Oct. ...	154.2	371.1	525.3	23.5	9.4	193.4	88.2	31.5	37.7	49.4	...
Nov. ...	154.2	373.3	527.5	23.7	8.2	192.1	89.3	32.7	39.4	50.1	...
Dec. ...	157.1	361.8	518.9	22.5	6.6	181.9	88.9	35.8	39.6	50.5	...
1946—Jan. ...	156.7	392.6	549.3	23.7	6.3	205.9	90.3	35.2	42.2	52.3	...
Feb. ...	159.4	409.9	569.3	24.9	6.6	216.1	93.5	36.3	43.6	53.5	...
Mar. ...	162.1	418.4	580.5	24.9	6.5	219.6	94.5	37.6	45.5	54.9	...
April ...	163.4	421.1	584.5	24.2	5.8	222.1	94.3	38.6	45.8	55.9	...
May ...	166.7	431.5	598.2	25.1	5.6	226.4	96.0	39.4	48.2	57.4	...
June ...	168.9	436.9	605.8	25.3	5.4	228.2	98.8	40.3	49.0	57.7	...
FEMALES. (Thousands.)											
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21.7	192.4	214.1	0.2	0.7	75.3	8.1	40.9	17.6	57.0	...
1942—July ...	29.3	203.6	232.9	0.2	3.9	80.9	9.0	41.1	20.7	58.9	...
1943—July ...	45.8	204.1	249.9	0.2	13.2	81.4	12.9	38.5	20.5	62.3	...
1944—June ...	45.3	205.1	250.4	0.2	9.3	82.5	13.8	37.3	20.3	65.4	...
July ...	45.5	206.1	251.6	0.2	9.1	82.5	13.9	37.2	20.4	65.7	...
1945—June ...	43.5	209.1	252.6	0.2	6.0	80.9	14.6	39.3	20.5	68.8	...
July ...	43.3	208.8	252.1	0.2	5.4	81.0	14.6	39.2	20.6	68.5	...
Aug. ...	42.8	210.3	253.1	0.2	5.2	81.5	14.6	39.5	20.7	69.2	...
Sept. ...	41.3	209.0	250.3	0.2	3.6	79.8	14.4	39.7	20.9	69.6	...
Oct. ...	39.1	207.4	246.5	0.2	2.1	77.8	14.4	40.1	21.1	69.9	...
Nov. ...	38.0	210.2	248.2	0.3	1.7	79.3	14.2	41.5	21.0	70.0	...
Dec. ...	37.2	206.8	244.0	0.2	1.4	76.0	13.9	43.8	20.4	68.4	...
1946—Jan. ...	36.8	206.1	242.9	0.2	1.2	77.3	14.0	40.5	20.6	69.5	...
Feb. ...	36.3	208.8	245.1	0.2	1.1	78.8	13.8	40.7	20.5	70.6	...
Mar. ...	35.4	211.4	246.8	0.2	1.1	80.2	13.4	41.0	20.5	71.4	...
April ...	34.9	210.6	245.5	0.2	0.9	79.7	13.2	40.6	20.4	71.8	...
May ...	34.4	213.1	247.5	0.2	0.9	80.9	13.1	40.9	20.5	72.4	...
June ...	33.4	213.3	246.7	0.2	0.8	81.4	13.1	40.8	20.5	72.2	...
TOTAL. (Thousands.)											
1933—June ...	120.0	386.5	506.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	...	0.6	217.5	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163.2	597.2	760.4	26.0	10.9	267.2	86.3	82.2	60.9	109.5	...
1942—July ...	187.9	579.6	767.5	25.6	25.5	272.6	89.3	73.4	56.7	104.9	...
1943—July ...	202.4	569.5	771.9	25.3	40.0	272.4	94.4	67.2	53.7	105.6	...
1944—June ...	197.6	575.9	773.5	24.6	29.6	280.0	98.2	65.9	54.8	110.5	...
July ...	197.9	575.8	773.7	24.6	29.2	280.0	98.0	65.6	54.6	111.1	...
1945—June ...	199.3	586.2	785.5	24.6	21.8	279.9	101.8	69.0	56.4	116.1	...
July ...	199.8	586.3	786.1	24.8	20.2	280.8	102.6	69.1	56.5	116.1	...
Aug. ...	198.4	583.3	781.7	24.9	19.1	282.2	103.3	69.7	57.1	117.5	...
Sept. ...	196.6	587.5	784.1	24.9	15.3	276.7	102.0	70.5	57.9	118.3	...
Oct. ...	193.3	578.5	771.8	23.7	11.5	271.2	102.6	71.6	58.8	119.3	...
Nov. ...	192.2	583.3	775.5	24.0	9.9	271.4	103.5	74.2	60.4	120.1	...
Dec. ...	194.3	568.7	763.0	22.7	8.0	257.9	102.8	79.6	60.0	118.9	...
1946—Jan. ...	193.5	598.7	792.2	23.9	7.5	283.2	104.3	75.7	62.8	121.8	...
Feb. ...	195.7	618.7	814.4	25.1	7.7	294.9	107.3	77.0	64.1	124.1	...
Mar. ...	197.5	629.8	827.3	25.1	7.6	299.8	107.9	78.6	66.0	126.3	...
April ...	198.3	631.7	830.0	24.4	6.7	301.8	107.5	79.2	66.2	127.7	...
May ...	201.1	644.6	845.7	25.3	6.5	307.3	109.1	80.3	68.7	129.8	...
June ...	202.3	650.2	852.5	25.5	6.2	309.6	111.9	81.1	69.5	129.9	...

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers from July, 1945, are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).



## 27. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1935.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	136	141	141	164	155	173	165
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	135	142	145	159	161	174	181
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	130	143	146	164	165	171	185
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	137	141	147	164	162	172	189
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	128	146	144	166	172	178	192
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	135	150	154	174	176	176	197
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	139	149	158	171	177	184	195
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	137	151	157	181	181	177	...
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	134	151	158	171	172	180	...
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	137	154	163	162	169	174	...
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	139	152	161	164	171	179	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	138	153	165	163	169	123	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	135	148	154	167	170	172	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

## 28. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23'7
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22'5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
September ...	1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22'8
December ...	1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22'4
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9

\* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

## 29. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

YEAR.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ... ..	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ... ..	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ... ..	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ... ..	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ... ..	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ... ..	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ... ..	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ... ..	99 0	99 0	100 0		98 0	98 0	99 0	

\* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1945, was 2,912,791 or 39·3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943, 1,398,170).

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